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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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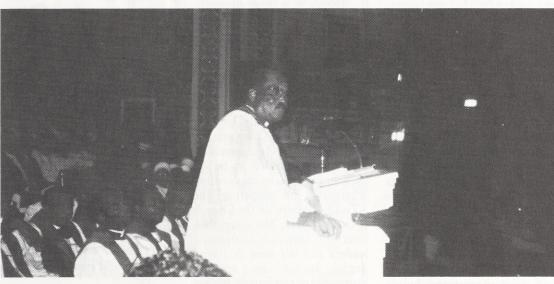
# RITES FOR THE PRINCE

BISHOP F. D. WASHINGTON, SECOND PRESIDING ASSISTANT, EULOGIZED

Washington Temple Church of God in Christ was filled to capacity and over flowing, as the nation paused to conduct rites for a prince among preachers. The city of New York dispatched her finest officers and allotted Bishop F. D. Washington an inspectors funeral because of his contributions to metropolitan area. It took scores of police to manage the traffic and control the pressing crowd outside. Inside the congregation was sobered by the moment and genuine tears of love flowed freely. The saints came to say good bye to a fellow saint.

The night before, Friday, January 15, 1988, the building was filled for the jurisdictional service. A local gospel radio station carried the service live and all of New York shared in the loss being felt by the saints. The eulogy was delivered by Bishop Ithiel Clemmons and words of encouragement were given by the esteemed leadership of that jurisdiction.

Saturday at 11:00 a.m. the national commemorative service was conducted. Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., life long friend and presiding officer of the Church of God in Christ officiated. For Bishop Patterson it was no easy task because Bishop Washington was a man who engendered a lot of love. As a result of the late bishop's character, in attendance were members of the general board, board of bishops, pastors, saints and friends from around the country.



The Most Reverend James O. Patterson, Sr., eulogized his life long friend. The friend he called "Wash".

The family walked into the crowded church and viewed the body for the last time. Before the service began the undertaker sealed the bier. Never had this reporter witnessed such a wave of grief as the finality of the moment was realized. Men, women, boys and girls cried tears and lamented the passing of an era. F. D. the preacher's preacher and prince of proclaimers was truely dead.

Bishop L. H. Ford called the service to order and Bishop J. D. Husband prayed the invocation. God heard the prayer and comforted the pain everyone suffered. The congregation was lifted higher through the efforts of the Eastern New York State Choir. Dr. Mattie Clark and daughter Twinkie broke the yoke with anointed songs.

The tributes were numerous as everyone shared thoughts of Washington the man. Those on the program paid tribute to the prince of preachers. Mother Freddie Bell paid tribute in behalf of International Supervisor of Women, Dr. Mattie McGlothen. She commented that Bishop Washington would be remembered for his faithfulness to God. They recognized his gospel preaching and his significant contributions to the ministry. Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush called Bishop Washington a friend, supporter and great proclaimer of the gospel. He said, "words are inadequate to describe our loss. A giant has fallen." The Rev. Gardner Taylor, renowned preacher and pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, reminisced about his neighbor

Fred. He and bishop lived side by side for over 30 years. Their friendship was meaningful. He reflected. "His death leaves a blank space among the towering giants of life. His gap will take a life time to replace." Bishop J. N. Haynes represented the General Board of Bishops Church of God in Christ. He called the bishop, "an ambassador for Christ, a prince of preachers." He told the saints that bishop's death was the graduation of a scholar to a higher mantle.

Through it all, the lovely widow, Mrs. Gwendolyn Washington sat with family and friends. Her face aptly depicted the loss everyone felt. The saints spoke words and prayers that seemed like medicine. God was there and the spirit provided strength and courage to face the moment.

Songs by Evangelist Rubenstein McClure and Sister Ann Campbell uplifted everyone.

Finally the spoken word. The Most Reverend James O. Patterson, Sr., eulogized his life long friend. The friend he called "Wash" was a travelling companion, confident and colleague in leading the church. He talked with joy about the four boy preachers, J. A. Blake, F. D. Washington, L. H. Ford, and J. O. Patterson. They shared so much together over a sixty year period. He included Bishop Burton in their little group as a late arrival but still one of their number. He lamented that time is taking its toll on their number. He spoke of the fact that a few years ago he eulogized Mrs. Ernestine Washington, the bishop's first wife; Washington eulogized Mrs. Deborah Mason Patterson, the presiding bishop's wife. Now at the demise of F. D. Washington, he stood to do a difficult but appropriate thing for a fellow saint of God. The Bishop's subject was "Lazarus Is Dead."

God was good to the saints. Bishop Patterson's message challenged the tears and grief. In the end each person there celebrated the life and ministry of F. D. Washington. At last even the death of a saint is wonderful because we yet have a hope and that is in Christ.

#### **BISHOPS ATTEND CONFERENCE**

The annual conference for the council of bishops met in Jacksonville, Florida. The bishops of the Church of God in Christ met to discuss the business and direction of the Church. 1988 is going to be a critical year in the life of our institution and the bishops are preparing to meet every challenge.

This year's theme: "Organizing To Serve" was thoroughly handled by the many presenters and delegates in attendance. Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Sr., chairman of the council and Bishop W. L. Porter received the delegates and immediately proceeded to work. Bishop C. D. Kinsey made everyone welcomed and the beautiful accomodations of the Omni

Hotel provided very classy amenities, therefore making the work load easier to take. One item that Jacksonville offers failed to be constant and that was the sun. The alluring sun of Jacksonville was hidden behind two days of continual rain and dark skies.

Just recently back from the funeral of Bishop F. D. Washington, the bishops started the conference knowing a major change had occurred. After prayer and words from the leadership the conference followed its agenda. The conference is made exclusively for the men who hold the challenging office of bishop. The subject matter covered the following, The Bishop And His Position, The

Bishop's Role In The Jurisdiction, Organizing Of His Resources, Developing A Comprehensive Budget, The Bishop's Responsibility To The National Church and The Bishop Should be With Familiar The Parliamentary Procedure. These verv significant subjects were taught by the bishops themselves. The instructors included, Bishop L. R. Anderson, Bishop H. J. Williams, Bishop Samuel Green, Bishop George McKinney. Bishop Chandler Owens, Bishop W. L. Porter, Bishop Rodger Iones, Dr. S. Y. Burnett, Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Bishop Dewitt Burton and Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. Each representer was thoroughly prepared and provided quality instruction to

the delegation.

The subjects created frank and helpful discussion. Issues such as unity in the Church and the Church accomplishing ministry on a maximum scale were talked about. The Bishops have a lot of hopes and dreams for our growing Church. Each man took that time of reflection very seriously and those hopes were more clearly defined.

One Hot issue was the tithing program and its benefits to the Church of God in Christ national agenda. Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., members of the general board and the council of bishops discussed the tithe question at great length. The sobering remarks made it clear what God's agenda is about. God's



Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Sr.,

program is the best and only solution to the Church's continued funding problems. The bishops were unanimous in their endorsement of the

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#### **GUEST EDITORIAL**

#### DOES MATTER IT "THEY SAY" WHAT **ABOUT** THE C.O.G.I.C.

**Elder Lemuel F. Thuston** M.A., M. DIV, Pastor Alexander Chapel C.O.G.I.C. Lubbock Texas

One of the hottest items in current literature and journalism is the "Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement." In both religious and secular writing, the fields of psychology, sociology, and theology, in media attention and scholarly inquiry - few topics are more consistently appealing to "other" folk than "our" folk. Despite endless quibblings over such nomenclatures "holiness, sanctified, full-gospel, pentecostal, charismatic," etc. (though these nuances are significant), when they speak about either the pentecostals or the charismatics, we are the type in mind.

Until recent years, most of the propagation on this strange subject was negative at best and ugly caricature at worst. Labels ranged from intellectually deprived and emotionally disturbed to subculturally bizarre and religiously occultic. Several natural and supernatural factors have caused a major attitudinal shift in recent years; the past two decades have yielded a much kinder and fairer representation of the generic pentecostal tradition. Generally now the pentecostal tradition is accepted by most thinkers as one of the many legitimate segments of the diversified Christian Church.

That was the good news; there is some sad news. Two sadly interesting realities occur in most non-black discussions about the pentecostal movement: 1) The historical black contributions of pentecostals are obscured 2) The statistical and spiritual capacity of the Church of God in Christ in particular is minimized and discredited.

 $\hfill\Box$  6 months (by mail) . . . \$1.25 Unfortunately this brand of racism is as prevalent in established Christian publications as any. A recent example was the October, 1987, issue of Christianity Today. This is the leading evangelical (conservative) magazine in America; it is sponsored by no particular denomination.

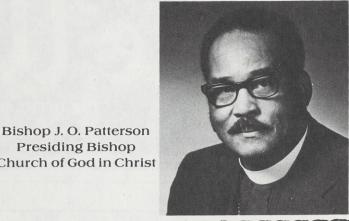
> These articles were largely courageous and assessments of American Pentecostalism-historically, theologically and statistically. However, it was frustrating to me as a Christian, and insulting to us as "God in Christ churchmen" to see the typical racism of Protestant journalism and scholarship here of all places (a reputable Bible believing camp.) How could a study be made of "neo-Pentecostals" with

no serious attention given to the major contributions of personalities and structures which just happen to be black. Literally, that is a shame before God! Repeatedly they referred to "the principal Pentecostal denominations" and never even mention the Church of God in Christ. It was disappointing to read the details of our sister denominations memberships are half of ours, while we were totally ignored. Later in the article they assume the "validity" of the Assemblies of God constitutents to be 2.1 million, but give no explanation whatsoever for "disputing" the 3.7 million figure for the Church of God in Christ. Moreover, they interview four fine pentecostal leaders and not once is a nonanglo leader or scholar mentioned or recognized. Bishop Patterson is but one of the strongest leaders of over 3 million American Pentecostals; he and his followers who happen to be black, are no less Pentecostal or American. Again, our leadership was ignored. Regardless of any ethnic considerations, God has blessed us to be at least the second (maybe the first) largest pentecostal body in American, and certainly one of the oldest.

Well, what difference does it make? For truth sake along an accurate and fair accounting should be presented, especially by those who are espouse the virture of Scriptural-truth. truth-telling, and truth-living.

Secondly, present perceptions of the majority form future realities of the minority. The early Church was severely persecuted because the Roman Empire perceived them as practitioners of incest, cannibalism, and treason. They misrepresented the "family" nature of the church, the misunderstood the symbolic eating of the Lord's broken body, and mistook loyalty to God as sedition of government. Invalid perceptions are often costly. Thirdly, credibility is an indispensable tool for successful religious pursuits. Accurate recognition of integrity, potential, and strength are among those intangibles that make for Kingdom building. To a degree our evangelism is affected by our reputation.

What are the consequences for our church is this dishonest and reckless handling of our heritage continues? Will not our own future reading generations be affected by the marrying of the C.O.G.I.C. image? Would it not be tragic for our children to abandon their spiritual heritage



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**Dear Saints:** 

During our sojourn on earth, we are blessed to make many acquaintances; however, we only occasionally meet persons with whom we establish a sound and enduring friendship. When we are fortunate enough to establish these relationships, we should consider ourselves very fortunate.

Such was the case of my friendship with the Sainted Bishop Frederick Douglas Washington. This mighty pillar of our church, who is now present with the Lord, shall forever be remembered by our church family for the tremendous contributions he made.

The Lord allowed our paths to cross in our childhood initiating a lifelong friendship and a lifetime of service to the church. During these years of work, I saw the Lord take his life and mold it into one of the most diligent servants of our time. His eloquent delivery, radiant personality and deep love for the Lord were a few of the abundance of attributes given this man.

As the years passed, his ministry was blessed by the Lord to touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world. He was elevated to a place of prominence that brought him into the company of world leaders and people of authority, yet he never loss the common touch.

As we bow in humble submission to the will of almighty God, may we always be cognizant of the innumerable contributions of this servant of the Lord. His contributions to the Church of God in Christ are many and we are godly proud to have had his presence among us.

Yours in His Service,

J. O. Patterson, Sr. **Presiding Bishop** 

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# NATIONAL NEWS



Mother Lillian A. Morris

Thousands filled the Crouch State Temple in Los Angeles to pay their final respects to the beloved state supervisor of Southern California First Jurisdiction. Mother Lillian A. Morris passed from death to life on Friday evening, December 18th. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 23rd. Jurisdictional prelate, Bishop Charles E. Blake was the officiant.

International General Dr. Supervisor, Mattie McGlothen, Mother Freddie Bell, Mother Willie Mae Rivers. Dr. Gwendolyn Howard, Mother Martha Walker, Mother Victoria Barnes, along with several other jurisdictional supervisors were in attendance. Also present were General Board Members, Bishop P. A. Brooks and Bishop Leroy Anderson. Mother Elizabeth Nash, supervisor of the Second Jurisdiction of Southern California and Bishop Benjamin Crouch, prelate of Metropolitian Southern California Jurisdiction represented the neighboring Southern California Jurisdictions with memorial tributes along with national representatives.

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOURNS PASSING

Mother Morris was a strong, loving and courageous woman. The women's department during her tenure was the epitome of expansion, growth and progress. She provided a role model of godly character and humility for the women. She adhered to the principles and teachings of the Church of God in Christ. She lead the women in prayer and taught them to trust and lean on God. She was a dynamic leader; an exceptional administrator and a loving mother.

Mother Lillian Ann Morris was one of ten children born to Joseph and Clemmie Johnson in Oakdale, Louisiana. She received her elementary and high school education in Oakdale. She met and married the late Bishop William Morris and later attended Grambling College, Southern University and Kansas University.

After moving to Kansas City, Kansas with her husband and four children she studied Bookkeeping and Accounting. Mother Morris was also a school teacher and subsequently a school principal. During this time in her life she served as secretary to the National Accounting Department of the Church of God in Christ for seventeen years.

She faithfully worked in her local church pastored by her husband and received her evangelist missionary license while in Kansas. Mother Mattie Byars was the state supervisor and Bishop T. L. Pleas was the prelate.

In 1952, Bishop Morris and his family moved to Los Angeles. He preached out a church in Watts, a suburb of Los Angeles, holding services in the Linda Theatre. She was the co-founder with her husband of the Crusaders Temple Church of God in Christ. Upon the demise of Bishop Morris in 1966, while attending the National Convocation in Memphis, Mother Morris became the administrator of the church. Under her leadership the church was completely renovated and stands today as a monument to their lives.

Mother Morris was active in

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# ITC TO CELEBRATE ITS FOUNDING

The Interdenominational Theological Center is preparing to celebrate its founding March 16-18 with the Annual Charter Day Celebration. Alumni, friends, and supporters will enjoy a series of lectures, alumni activities, and the culminating

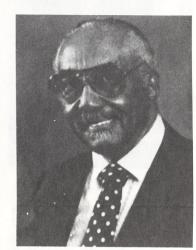
Charter Day Banquet. The honoree for this year's banquet is The Rev. Emory Searcy, Sr., pastor emeritus of the Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church of Atlanta, a community leader and activist. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Lerone Bennett, executive editor of EBONY magazine. The banquet will also serve as a vehicle to honor distinguished alumni of the ITC.

Serving as general chairperson for the Charter Day activities is Therman McKenzie, chairman of M & M Products, Inc. Coordinator for the ITC campus is Dr. Edith Thomas, Director of Admissions.

On Wednesday, March 16, at 3:30 and 6:00 p. m., the Faculty Lectures will be presented by Dr. Thomas J. Pugh, professor of Psychology of Religion and Pastoral Counseling. Thursday, March 17, has been designated Alumni Day with chapel services beginning at 11:00 a.m., the luncheon at noon, and the alumni lecture at 2:00 p.m. The Charter Day Banquet will be held Friday, March 18, at 7:00 p. m. at the Omni International Hotel. Reservations are now being taken on a first-come firstserve basis. Tickets for the banquet are \$40.00 per person and \$400.00 per table (noncorporate). Corporate tickets are \$50.00 per person and \$500.00 per table of 10. To make reservations or obtain further information regarding any of the activities, please contact Dr. Billie J. Hooker, director of institutional advancement, or Cassandra R. Baker, assistant director, at (404) 527-7718.

# WASHINGTON: PROFILE OF A PREACHER

Saturday, January 16, 1988, a preacher was eulogized and laid to rest. This man was extraordinary and possessed maximum skills in the art of preaching. More than the ability to say it, he said something vital every time he lifted up the name of Jesus. Bishop Frederick Douglas Washington, was champion and legend during his own life time. So pronounced were his preaching skills that he defined for his generation what preaching was. For that reason over 3,000 people crowded Washington Temple to celebrate his home going. Yes, he was a member of the general board, a jurisdictional bishop, a builder, a civic leader and spiritual father to many, he also was a kind and decent man.



Bishop Frederick D. Washington

Before the funeral this reporter questioned a few saints about the men for which they travelled

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### NEW BATTERY OF PHONE NUMBERS

The International Headquarters of the Church has a unified phone system. New phone numbers have been assigned to every department. Here is a listing of those new numbers.

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# CHARLES H. MASON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNOUNCES THE 18TH FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 22-25, 1988

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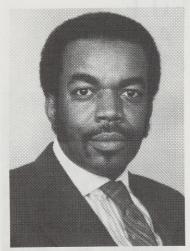
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#### THE LEGEND CONTINUES



**Elder Joseph Jackson** 

It was unfortunate, but it was true that an article was printed three years ago last July to inform readers of a three-alarm fire that engulfed and destroyed First Pentecostal (Page's Temple) Church of God in Christ in Dallas. The Dallas Fire Department officially ruled arson as the cause of the fire that left the pastor and members of Page's Temple devastated at the loss of their church. The pastor, Elder T. D. Daniel, was quoted by reporters as to have said, "They might slow us down, but they can't stop us.'

First Pentecostal is a historical church in the Dallas area, as well as, to the Church of God in Christ. It was in 1914, when the Lord spoke to Bishop E. M. Page and said, "I want you to go to Texas." Bishop Page's call to move to Texas was later confirmed when the Holy Ghost revealed the same destination to our leader and founder, Bishop C. H. Mason.

Bishop Page's ministry flourished in Texas. Then in 1928, after pastoring First Pentecostal C.O.G.I.C. on

#### by Jan Hall

Cochran Street in Dallas, Bishop Page and his congregation were blessed to build a three-story, brick veneer building with a seating capacity for 1200.

It was this building that fell as the victim of arsonists, and now, three years later, the words spoken by Eld. Daniel have been fulfilled---for Page's Temple has not stopped.

Elder Joseph Jackson, son of former Page's Temple pastor Elder R. M. Jackson, was officially installed as the pastor of First Pentecostal C.O.G.I.C., 2574 W. Illinois Ave., in June of 1987. (The church has been at this location since 1985.) Eld. Jackson is now the fifth pastor of First Pentecostal in its historic line of leaders that include: Bishop E. M. Page, Eld. R. M. Jackson, Bishop F. L. Havnes and Superintendent T. D. Daniel---all of whom are now deceased.

Eld. Jackson's church-related experience includes having been saved in January, 1966, at the age of 22 under the pastorage of his father, and he was called to the ministry that same year. Since that time, he has served as Youth Pastor of Page's Temple, Secretary of Ministerial Alliance C.O.G.I.C. Texas Northeast, Assistant Pastor of Page's Temple 1978-1987, Vice President North Dallas District Y.P.W.W. 1979 and as President of North Dallas District Y.P.W.W. in 1982. Currently, Eld. Jackson serves as Executive Secretary of the United State Auxiliary Convention (U.S.A.C.-5) Texas Northeast and member

of the Public Relations Department. In addition, he serves on the Advisory Council for Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Presiding Prelate Texas Northeast and General Board Member and on the Bishop's National Campaign Committee.

Eld. Jackson earned a Bachelor of Career Arts Degree in Applied Science with studies in Religion and Business. Professionally, he has served in the United States Armed Forces as a Medical Specialist E-5 from 1966-1968 and worked for 20½ years with Mobil Oil Corp.

Pastor Jackson has been married to Mrs. Willie B. Leavell Jackson for 21 years and they have two children--Adair and Joseph Jevon.

Eld. Jackson brings to Page's Temple youthfulness, and in addition, he creates an ambiance of love and commitment for the church he cherishes so dearly. He is often criticized of taking too little for himself in order that the church may reap the However, benefits. unhesitatingly refuses to do it any other way because the church is indeed his first priority. His unselfish attitude and dedication for Page's Temple will assist towards making Page's Temple the church the Lord would have it to be as the legend continues...

\*\*\*\*\*Information for portions of this article were taken from an article printed in The Whole Truth in 1984, titles "A Historical Church Burned" by Thea Glover, a member of First Pentecostal (Page's Temple.)

#### PIONEER REMEMBERED

#### by Mrs. H. M. Henderson

Knoxbee County, Mississippi, was the birthplace of the late Overseer James H. Henderson. On January 29, 1876, James H. Henderson entered the scene of life through birth, walked across the stage of life and on May 20, 1943, stepped off the stage by way of death.

James H. Henderson was saved before 1897.

His role in life was a great inspiration to many. Although he was not a college student or university graduate, nor even a high school student, the Lord saved him, filled him with the Holy Ghost, gave him his inheritance among those who were sanctified, and made him a king's son.

Through "kneeology" God was his teacher, endowing him with wisdom and understanding enabling him to read God's word, to instruct and teach others to read the word, learn the way of Holiness and to walk therein. He was an example of what he preached and taught.

About 1897, he was called to the ministry and he preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ without fear. Although he was threatened more than one time for preaching, he was determined to continue to point souls to Christ.

On one occasion he went to jail with Bishop C. H. Mason and spent the night in jail with him in Lexington, Mississippi, not for any wrong they had done, but for Christ's sake. His love for Bishop C. H. Mason was so great and so deep, he would not leave him to face persecution alone, he stayed with him that night and they like Paul and Silas, prayed together.

On another occasion, Overseer Henderson was demanded to preach no more if he wanted to live, but he preached on and on. Thank God for, "Faithful Unto Death Preachers".

He was told that he would be thrown into the Tallahassee River, but he preached on.

By the power of the Almighty God, many, many, many, came to Christ.

Some of the great men of this great Church were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, through the example of right living, the teaching of God's word, the continued preaching, and the sincere prayers. Under the leadership of Overseer James H. Henderson, are namely:

-- Bishop Lewis Henry Ford, First Assistant Presiding Bishop Church of God in Christ, Inc.

-- Bishop Graze Kinard, Jurisdictional Bishop of Kansas Southwest

-- Bishop P. J. Henderson, Jurisdictional Bishop of Wisconsin, Northwest

-- Superintendent Robert Henderson, Administrative Assistant Northeastern Michigan

Because Overseer Henderson stayed with God, many souls were saved and the sick were healed. He preached out churches in the following places:

East Money, Shellmound, Wildwood, Money, Sunnyside, Minter City, Darling, all of Mississippi.

He also pastored churches in Belzoni, Greenwood, Sweet Canaan, Grenada, Clarksdale, all of which are located in Mississippi.

Through the leading of God, Bishop Mason appointed him as Overseer of Northern Mississippi, where he served well for 16 years over 135 churches until his sudden demise.

His favorite scripture: Matthew 11:28 and His favorite song: "I'm One of Them Today".

Many, many lives were enriched because another man of God passed this way.

He was married to District Missionary Irenia Henderson and was the father of twelve (12) children.

# A NEW DAY

#### (A SHORT STORY)

Satan ploughed through his dungeons stomping and raving as he went. Disgusted, he flounced into his favorite chairand high-backed rocker held together by metal pins and springs. Wearily, he screamed for his staff of advisors. It has been a rough, particularly hard week for him. In every major area of the world, masses of souls--which he had once dominated for generations upon generations--were being torn from his dark clutches.

His staff of advisors--a sordid but motley bunch of demons--and veterans to their life work-scurried before their master's presence like fearful mice. Lately, their master had become increasingly more hostile and belligerent. Of course, they too had received the reports from their demonic garrisons in every corner of the earth. The reports were depressingly glum. There were ugly reports of scores of their lieutenants being driven out of the souls of long-held captives...mean rumors that the Enemy was pouring out His power on all living flesh...Oh, things were getting quite distressful.

Satan peered disdainfully at his ugly crew of cohorts and then screamed until the whole pit shook. His advisors shrunk closer together. Suddenly, he sat bolt upward in his chair, his red eyes glaring... "Where is that light coming from?" he screamed

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# CATHEDRAL OF FAITH HOST CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP



The preached word was extremely good that night. The Bishop H.J. Williams preached a noble message.

Bishop C. D. Kinsey, prelate of Florida Central and host bishop to the bishop's conference invited the conference delegates to worship at the Cathedral of Faith. This beautiful multi building complex which is located near downtown Jacksonville is a great facility. It stands tall among the most magnificent structures in the entire brotherhood. It has a seating capacity of nearly five thousand and has a decorum to induce glorious workship. If the Cathedral of Faith is indicative of the vision that Bishop Kinsey has for the jurisdiction, then

great things will come from Central Florida. The crowd was large inspite of heavy rain and the people of the jurisdiction made each delegate welcome.

The Cathedral was a suitable backdrop for the conference worship. The choir was full of singers and they lifted their voices for the Lord. Everything was in place and the courtesy provided by the red uniformed task force was quality. The ushers were in place and doing a most tangible job. In particular, there was a little lady usher who allowed this reporter

to sit adjacent to the reserve seating for bishops. After much persuading that a close seat was needed to take pictures, I was allowed to sit. She would have made Bro. Willie Cook of the national ushers very proud. The Cathedral and Florida Central totally prepared to accomodate the saints.

The preached word was extremely good that night. The pulpit was filled by a great expositor from Saginaw, Michigan. Bishop H. J. Williams preached a noble message

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Elder David Hall,

I am writing to you regarding the article on AIDS in the November issue of the Whole Truth Newspaper, which was very disturbing because none of our leaders addressed the problem from a biblical perspective. Especially disturbing were the remarks made by Dr. Dennis Wenzer. He stated that this hideous disease can find its way into the saints homes. How can this be? When this disease is found among the homosexual, bisexual and drug user communities. Now if we are saved, then we saints would not practice such corrupt behavior.

May I bring to your attention to the Book of Deut. 28th chapter and Exodus 15th chapter verse 23, and 25. Notice what God told the Israelites about the diseases of the Egyptians; please read it. Also notice Matthew 4:23, how Jesus manifested his powers over these calamities that doctors of that time could not heal...

So Elder Hall since Jesus is able to provide for the Old Testament

saints under the law, now we have a better covenant (Hebrews 8:6). So how can this hideous disease find its way into the homes of the saints as long as we remain obedient under the blood of Jesus? Whatever disease we may have had we meet Christ, the book of Psalm 103:3-4, stated Jesus has done it all... Why should we be fearful of this world's calamities and diseases?

May I remind you about the book of Ecclesiastes, there is nothing new under the sun (Ecc. 1:9, 3:15 and 9:2-3). Even under the old dispensation there were calamities and diseases of that time but Jesus is healer of all.

Thank you Elder Hall for your attention and I do hope there will be a follow up article on the AIDS subject from a biblical perspective.

Yours in Christ,

Elder David Houston San Mateo, Calif. 94401

### EDITOR ANSWERS BACK

Elder Houston,

Holy greetings in the name of Jesus. Thank you for the concern you have about a biblical perspective being presented relative to the problem of AIDS. Your faith is commendable and the scripture references you cited are adequate to develop faith and belief in the power of God. The Whole Truth only support your position about God's power to heal and keep us from all diseases.

What is significant is that AIDS has already come to the Church of God in Christ. It has been reported to me in reference to the seminar given during the Holy Convocation, that people associated with the Church have already met their demise as a result of AIDS. I am not clear on all those circumstances but the report is troubling in and of itself. Saints do not deal in homosexuality or mainline drug usage. If one does so, then that person is not saved. Satan will attack him and destroy his body. That person may have family and friends in the Church of God

in Christ. I am sure that any saint that has a child dying with AIDS is affected. The death of one's homosexual child or drug using child is yet painful. The Church has all types within its influence but lack control over their activities. Do you know any saints with children in jail?

These are societies problems coming to sanctified homes.

It is essential that the Church be bold enough to inform the saints about the consequences of sin. We can not be blind to issues no matter how controversial they happen to be. Please consider Romans 1:25-32. God will allow people to destroy themselves because of their spiritual wickedness. God bless you sir...You keep preaching!

Thank you for writing and please keep reading.

Sincerely,

Dr. David A. Hall, Editor

# **INSPIRATIONAL TALK**

OF
YOUR CLAIM
by
Evangelist
Rosa L. Monroe

In coming to God to have your claim processed, your needs met, your problems solved or whatever, there are some specifics that have a direct bearing on the handling of your claim.

First of all, of course, is your

name. If you are a legal child of God, then you have the name Jesus, and He has your name.

Number two, formulary. In other words, is your claim or your request on God's formulary? Is it His will for you? This is easy to check, for His Word is His formulary, and whatever is found in His Word is on His formulary.

So check the Word-search out His promises-review the covenant that you have with God, and clear your mind of any doubt concerning His will.

Number three, what is your status of eligibility? Are you service-connected or non-service-connected? Is this claim, this need, this persecution or this problem a result of your salvation?

Peter told me to tell you, if any man suffer as a Christian, don't be ashamed, but glorify God on this behalf.

If your claim is non-serviced-connected, then it has nothing to do with your salvation, and you must simply throw yourself on the mercy of the court, who is God, and He delighteth in mercy.

One last point on eligibility-Jesus said, according to your faith so be it unto you. God responds to faith, so your faith determines the processing of your claim. If you can believe God, your claim is already processed, the work is already done.

Listen, in the Word, I have a hiding place, yes I have!

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crazily. "Light, Master?" Liar asked cautiously. Liar was the boldest of the staff. The Master had taught him his craft well. He could now talk circles even around Satan's head. This had enabled him to become chief spokesman of the advisors and he had come to enjoy this rank of honor.

Satan collapsed noisily back into his chair with a deep sigh of relief. After walking up and down the earth day after dayseeking whom and what he could devour--he was becoming increasingly more fearful about his remaining time. He screamed again. And, his vicious cohorts shrunk closer together again. Disobedience could smell the terror emanating from Doubt's body who was standing next to him in the line-up. He despised the Master when he got in one of these irrational moods. It was so hard to argue with him when he got like this.

Pride stepped forward boldly. "Master," he began cautiously, "we too feel your anguish. We must not despair however." Satan looked scornfully at him, reared his huge head back, and released another howling scream. His cronies shrunk even closer together again. When Satan got into these crazy moods, it was not beneath him to start throwing things.

"You fools! You fools! What is happening? Everywhere I go I'm losing more of my hold! My demons are being controlled and ordered about like common SWINE!" he hissed at them.

Jealousy decided to make an attempt. "Master, we STILL control VAST numbers of the humans! Yes, we lose a great many daily, but we CONTROL more of them than the Enemy does or ever will!" Satan peered at him appeased but not encouraged.

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#### DIGGINS—ALFORD WED

Nuptials were exchanged that merged two of South Bend, Indiana's prominate families and the gala of the proceedings certainly bespoke the message. Mary Cecilia Alford daughter of Elder and Mrs. Donald Alford, who is the pastor of Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, and also owner of Alford's Mortuary. Jeffery Andre' Diggins is the Son of Elder and Mrs. Samul L. Diggins, who is the Pastor of Believer's Church of God in Christ, and owner of Diggins Drywall Company.

From the lighting of the candles to the tune of "Give Us This Day", to the seating of the Mothers, to the tune of "You Are So Beautiful To Me" to the wedding processional stepping to "Love Isn't Love Until You've Given It Away", and "So Grateful For Your Love".

The bride made her appearance wearing an original gown by Sposabella topped by a Cathedral train. The officiants were the two fathers. The wedding party was composed of fifty-seven relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

Midway down the aisle, the bride stopped at her Mother's side and sang "I'm Gonna Miss You", to her parents. After which, the declaration of intention, the exchanging of vows, the exchanging of rings, lighting of the unity candle, holy communion, and the declaration of marriage followed, a song, "You Are My World", was sung by the bride and groom at the end of the ceremony, which was



MR and MRS J. A. DIGGINS

composed by the bride.

After the benediction, the bridal party was whisked away in a procession of five limousines to the great hall of the downtown century center, overlooking the St. Joseph River, White Water Rapids. The 850 guests were treated to a culinary delight of succulent items covering several banquet tables. Her color scheme of graduated colors of burgandy to pink was also used at the reception hall to decorate. Formal entertainment was provided at the reception that was enjoyed by all. Many leading citizens from out-of-town and in the city were in attendance.

After the reception, the bride and groom left for a seven day honeymoon in beautiful Hawaii.

The bride is a Chemist for the Accra-Pac Corporation in South Bend and the Groom is employed in his Father's Business.

## C. H. MASON BENEFIT DINNER

# MEMPHIS CHAPTER C. H. MASON FOURTH BENEFIT DINNER

The Pentecostal Temple dining hall was the scene of the fourth annual educational benefit dinner for the C. H. Mason Bible College. The Headquarters Jurisdiction chapter conducts its main fund raising through this yearly activity. Elder Granville Scruggs, dean of the college hosted the affair. The special guest speaker was the chancellor of the entire system, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr.

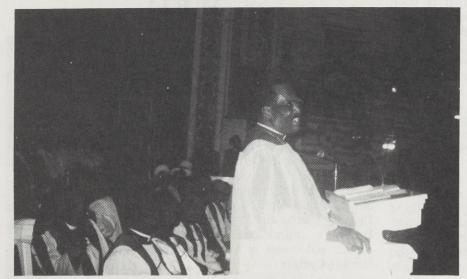
The saints were welcomed by the lovely Ms. Georgia Macklin, daughter of Bishop F. D. Macklin. Toast Mistress for the evening was the famed Golden Girl, Mrs. Joan E. W. Golden, radio personality and C. H. Mason Foundation board member. Music was provided by the splendid Mrs. Betty Owens a truly gifted singer. Mrs. Rosa Wilson commented on the goals and purpose of the college. She reflected, "The purpose of the C. H. Mason Bible College is to provide theological training for the work of the ministry. Also education of preachers, teachers and laity in sound doctrine is an essential goal likewise."

The college has two tracks of study. A student can earn a one year certificate or a two year diploma. Currently each track has several students involved at each level. The college passed out two certificates appreciation during the evening. Missionary Frances Kelly and Elder L. M. Haley were cited for their devoted service to the college. Two prizes were awarded to saints which promoted the dinner best. Missionary Estelle Walker secured thirty-seven reservations for the dinner and received first place. Her brother, Deacon Ernest Ford took second place in the reservation awards. Missionary Walker attends Pentecostal Temple and Deacon Ford attends Homeland COGIC.

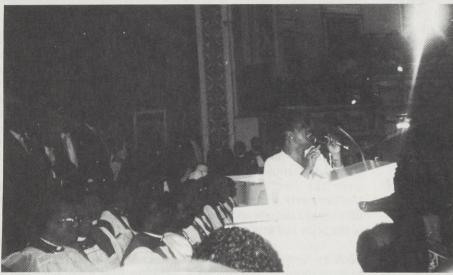
The main speaker for the evening was Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr. He addressed the more than three hundred attendees about the responsibility that comes with freedom. Black institutions must provide for their own financial support. Education carries a big price tag but it's worth it. He referred to the Church of God in Christ as the big sleeping giant of Christendom. He urged the

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# FUNERAL OF THE PRINCE



His Grace, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., lifted the burden through Holy Ghost inspired preaching.



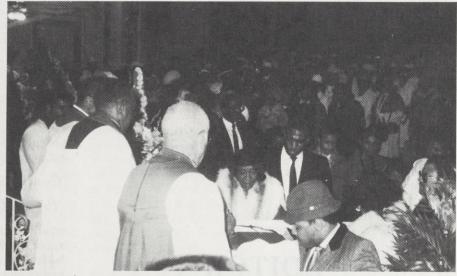
Evangelist Rubenstein McClure sang the glory down.



Some of the thousands of mourners who paid last respect to a great man.



Mothers Wallace, Bell, Gorham, and Rivers represented the Department of Women.

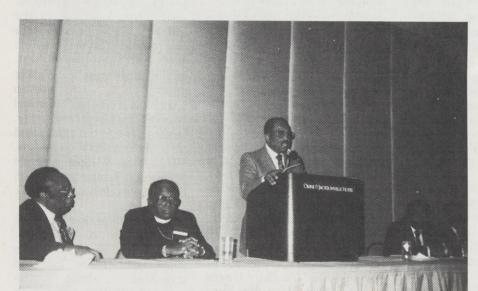


Bishops Patterson, Burton and Ford stand as Mrs. Gwendolyn Washington and family say good-bye.



Mrs. Washington and the funeral director await the transportation to the burial.

#### PHOTOS FROM THE BISHOPS CONFERENCE



Bishop Patterson making his annual address.



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# **BISHOPS**

national tithing program. Bishop Patterson, Sr., voiced the fact that tithing was the key to solving the financial problems of the institution. He reiterated the Church is a connectional system which must draw support from the local churches. It is important that the bishops effectively work the tithing program in their respective jurisdictions. In the spirit of support, one general board member who initially failed to give full support to the program stated how much he regretted that. He is now behind the effort and will support the program with all due process. Bishop Patterson, Sr., reflected, "We don't have more sense than God. Tithe is God's way and ten percent is equitable at any level."

The bishops then gripped the bull by the horns and discussed the current financial problem in the Church. They spent a long time mapping a method to get revenue to continue current operations. The conference passed a national emergency offering system. Basically, the credential reports have been increased. Every bishop in attendance voted in accord with the increases and suggested hereafter the tithing program be enforced. The unanimous vote was impressive as old supporters and new supporters stood together in the name of progress.

On the lighter side the bishops welcomed home a son of the Church. G. E. Patterson of Memphis, formerly chief apostle of the Bountiful Blessings Ministry was received with open arms. His new title will be bishop. The general secretary, Bishop Ross was asked to begin the necessary transactions to make the move complete within the bound of the Church constitution. The new Bishop smiled and reflected, "I am pleased to be coming home to the Church of my nativity. I likewise pledge my support to the national Church and its programs and ministries." The bishops greeted him with open arms and words of welcome.

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# **MATTER**

because we fail to correct chronic, untrue, stereotypical misrepresentations of our church? When C.O.G.I.C. is reduced to nothing or non-existence by the white religious writing authorities, our very destiny is at stake. "The pen is mightier than the sword!"

What should we do? First, we must always forgive as Christ commands. Then we must remember this is no occasion for a knee-jerk reaction of excessive denominational pride; spiritual pride follows and is always denounced scripturally. We should, however, be alert and prepared to respond with ink and tongue, privately and publicly with specific corrections of their errors and oversights. We should remain accessible to them as

consultants, resource persons, and eye witnesses of pertinent subject matter regarding our church. Finally, we should support our own. The Whole Truth and other sources that are forthright about our heritage and its significance should be supported in every way. There is only one way we can accomplish this: know the history values, and facts about the C.O.G.I.C. Do you know the facts?

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every phase of work in Southern California First Jurisdiction. For seventeen years she was the state secretary of finance and state auditor under the late Bishop S. M. Crouch. She was also a district missionary for more than twenty years. She worked closely with Assistant State Superivsor, Mother Cora Berry as the registrar of the State Women's Convention. Upon the home going of Mother Berry, she was chosen by Mother L. O. Hale and Bishop J. A. Blake to serve as the assistant supervisor.

Mother Morris was promoted to the position of State Supervisor, July 1, 1983. She was apointed under the later Bishop J. A. Blake and served faithfully with him and also under our present Bishop, the Dr. Charles E. Blake. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in general education and a bachelor of theology degree. An honorary doctorate degree was conferred upon Mother Morris for her dynamic work in Christian leadership and training.

Mother Lillian Ann Morris held the following positions:

State Supervisor, Southern California First Jurisdiction Member of the Women's Department National Advisory Board

Area Supervisor for the West Coast Region, National Women's Department

Member of the Board of Directors of Saints Academy, Lexington, Miss.

Member of the Screening Committee of the National Women's Department

Member of the National Constitutional Committee Member of the State Executive Board, Southern California First Jurisdiction

Member of the State and Local Board of Directors of the C. H. Mason Bible College

Administrator of the Crusaders Temple Church of God in Christ

She leaves to mourn her death, four children; Commander Raymond Morris, District Missionary Willa Freeman, Mrs. Jacquelyn E. Washington, Mr. William Morris. Three sisters, eight grandchildren, three greatgrandchildren and a host of other relatives.

The women of Southern California First Jurisdiction will greatly miss this woman of God, but we will forever remember the contributions she made in our lives and because of that we will emulate her excellent qualities of godliness that she possessed. Her stately and dignified manner; her astute

insight. She touched our lives and thousands of women everywhere. Because of that touch we are able to carry on in the excellent tradition of the Southern California First Jurisdiction.

Submitted by,

Mrs. Barbara McCoo Lewis, Chairperson, Women's Department, Program Committee Chairperson, Publicity Committee

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# **PROFILE**

across the country, braved cold weather and paid their respect. Bishop Charles Blake reflected, "Bishop Washington exemplified some of the finest qualities to be found in a religious leader. He loved God and the church. He loved people and rose to a level of eloquence in articulating those loves.... Elder Charles Brown of New Orleans commented, inspired me greatly. As a preacher's preacher he was full of wisdom." At that juncture an anguished voice lamented. "Yeah, he was F. D.!" For those who listened that said it best.

From New York, Supt. Frank White, stated we hold this as a most devastating time in the life of our jurisdiction. After loosing both of our renowned general board members in seven years, we are hurt. Bishop Washington was the embodiment of the ideal preacher and we shall miss him. Still, we shall and must carry on." Sister Patricia Kittrell, a devoted state choir member spoke through the tears," He was like a father to us. Things he taught us will long be remembered." Minister Timothy Wright was sadden and could not talk. He finally stated the bishop was like a father and he was pleased to have served with him nearly twenty years. His expressions, "I count it joy to have had the opportunity to serve in his ministry."

From his peers Bishop Washington got deep words of appreciation and praise. Bishop stated.' Thomas Washington, what more can be said? He was a giant and an example to every young preacher." Bishop T. T. Scott "Bishop commented, Washington was an ambassador for Christ. His business was soul business." Bishop George Williams talked of Bishop Washington the preachers friend. "He was able to communicate with all men", said Williams.

Many others lifted up a word of praise and somehow they made us know what magnitude of a man F. D. Washington was. Bishop Ford commented the obituary was incomplete because Bishop Washington served as bishop in Iowa. He did more than we had time to mention. It's clear that the Church of God in Christ has a void to fill. Only the Holy Ghost can fill it. Let the entire Church pray for Eastern New York and the family of the late bishop.

# AS A MAN THINKETH IN HIS HEART SO IS HE

by Annie Day

The scripture, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he", not only the whole of a man's being but reaches out to the whole of a man's entire lifetime and affect every condition and circumstance of his life. A man is literally and verbally what he thinks, his attitude being the complete sum of all his thoughts.

As the plant springs, and could not be without the seed, so is every act of a man springs from the hidden seed of thought. A thought cannot appear unless it is planted in the heart, then it is manifested in the attitude.

This applies equally to those acts called "spontaneous" and "unpremediated" as to those which are deliberately executed.

Acts are the blossoms of thought, and joy sometimes much suffering are its fruits.

Thoughts are accepted, entertained, and built, if a man is of a bestial nature he will be brutal, inhuman, irrational, sensual, depravedly, and carnal, all this will result in a mental problem.

If a person endures in purity of thought, then, and then only can they meet society with a smile because joy, peace, and love is in the heart, and happiness follow him as his shadow.

A noble and God-like character didn't just happen to a person in this life, we will hafta do much planning, through prayer, asking God to help us to die to the flesh, and everything else

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Liar stepped in to take up the

slack. "Master," he began softly, "do not despair. WE will win. We have heightened our efforts to create and maintain silly divisions among the so-called human 'believers' " (Pride grinned silently to himself--this was the fruit of his labor), "we have taken over the media and the entertainment industry, we've had prayer burned from the souls of men in their school systems, we've begun to disintegrate the human family unit, we work on the minds of the Enemy's strongest leaders--teasing them with material gain--wooing them with the prospect of earthly power..." (Pride grinned greedily again... his lieutenants were doing their jobs well--he would have to prepare a special celebration in their honor sometime this week.) "Master, WE will win. Our power is greater..." he was cut off in midsentence as Satan screamed until the fury of his rage tore the walls apart. Hatred sniffed spitefully. This was the third time this week that those walls has been repaired! "Go from me you fools!" Satan bellowed. He sank back in his rocker clutching his throbbing heads as the menancing sound

that is not like him. Man is made or unmade by his thought, he fashions the tools with which he build for himself heavenly mansions of joy and sorrows. By the armory of thought he forges the weapons by which he destroys himself, he cannot blame anyone but himself.

By the right choice and true application of thought, man ascends to the divine perfection, by abusing himself with all wrong thoughts, and applications he decends below the level of the beast.

Between these two extremes are all the grades of character, and man is their master and maker. Good thoughts and actions can never produce bad results, bad thoughts and actions can never produce good results.

Ignoble thoughts results in low character, low aims, and means of degradation, low quality, vulgar, inferior, and contemptible or just plain ignorant, so it never pay to have ugly thoughts.

We can see so many things very plain in the natural world, but fail to see it in the physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and spiritual world.

Annie Day Lubbock, Texas 79404 Fords Memorial Cogic Bishop W. H. Watson, Pastor and Bishop Texas Northwest

of music, singing and dancing filtered through the crevices of his pit. As a special torment, God had created hell so that whenever the heavenly angels rejoiced over penitent souls, the sound permeated the dark underworld below.

Gathering himself up in a fury of anger, Satan stomped through his dungeons upward...A new day had begun.

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Iowa Jurisdiction

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saints to stay committed to Christian education and provide the necessary money to get the job done. Certainly, it is the will of the Lord.

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# **OBITUARY**

#### Washington

#### **PREACHER PHILANTHROPIST PHILOSOPHER**

Bishop Frederick Douglas Washington was born January 1, 1913, in Dermott, Arkansas, to Bishop Walter and Mrs. Jessie B. Washington.

An ambassador to the Christian ministry for 65 years, young Frederick Douglas began preaching at the age of four, not realizing the great destiny God had designed for him. He made a glorious and conclusive declaration as he entered the public ministry at the age of ten.

Bishop Washington was a graduate of Saints Junior College, Moody Bible Institute and Trinity Hall College and Seminary, from which he received his Doctor of Law and Divinity degrees. He also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the United Christian College.

On June 6th, 1934, young Elder Washington married Ernestine B. Thomas. This great team began a world-wide gospel ministry that reached the four corners of the world, with Sister Ernestine's melodious singing and this giant of a gospel preacher and expositor. After forty-nine years of joint ministry and marriage, this Song Bird of the East went on to view the glory of God on July 1, 1983.

In February, 1935, Elder and Sister Washington arrived in Caldwell, New Jersey to await his first official appointment as Pastor of First Church of God in Christ, Holy Tabernacle of Caldwell. In the same year this band of saints, with a Moses at the helm, marched into a new edifice at 23 Roseland Avenue. This congregation grew by leaps and bounds, and later moved to Montclair, again with a new name, Trinity Temple.

This tall, young, gifted pastor was soon to hear the call "Go to Brooklyn and I will bless you" and like Abraham, he answered the call to go to a strange land where God would bless him. A silver-tongued orator, both of the most celebrated

Washington surely walked to the beat of his own drummer. Innovative in his ability to meet the demands of the day, he founded the Washington Temple Church of God in Christ (the Church with the Universal Outreach) on the sawdust trail in 1951. He resided as shepherd of this flock for the past thirtysix years.

He was consecrated to the Bishopric in 1955, by the founder of the Church of God in Christ, the late Bishop Charles Harrison Mason.

Bishop Washington served as Assistant Bishop, Eastern New York Jurisdiction for a number of years. On January 21, 1983, he succeeded the Late Bishop O. M. Kelly as Jurisdictional Prelate. This aggregation is comprised of over two-hundred churches, that extend from upstate Schnectady to the far tip of Long Island, Montauk Point. An integral part of Bishop Washington's administration as Jurisdictional Prelate is the conclusive construction of the new O. M. Kelly Executive Office Building. Preeminently he was elevated to the office of Second Assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ in November,

On February 2, 1985, Bishop Washington and Dr. Gwendolyn Redd-Connelly were joined together in holy matrimony.

Bishop Washington was also engaged in many activities, such as President of the United African-American Church of New York, representing nine denominations, chairman of the committee for World-Wide Broadcast of the Church of God in Christ, International; Founder and President of the Ernestine & Arenia Institute and F. D. Washington Community Center; accomplished radio minister, conducting thirteen broadcasts throughout the United States and the world. Bishop Washington received many accolades and awards too numerous to mention at this

Bishop Washington has been one unique and nonpareil, Elder Pentecostal evangelists in this

century and his ministry has been a definite reality in our times; a Prince of Preachers, Counselor Extraordinaire, Preacher's Preacher, Master Teacher and a Pastor's Pastor, but most of all a Saint of the Most High God.

Even in his ultimate message to the saints, he stood like Moses, a gaint among giants; a Colossus, even in the midst of mighty men. And the request of his spirit surpasses that of any other man; and he said, "Lord, I beseech thee, show me thy glory."

Bishop Washington leaves to mourn a devoted wife, Dr. Gwendolyn Washington; loving mother, Jessie B. Washington; devoted daughter, Frederika Washington-Napper; loving son, Ernest W. Washington; devoted son-in-law, Rev. E. Xavier Napper; Tedi Renee Redd, Patricia Conway and Annie Wah Briggs; ten grandchildren: Ernest Frederick, Eric Dwayne, Satydra Monique, Ernestine Marie, Edwina Xavera Napper (deceased), Quentin Leonard, Kyra, Kasan, Ernestine and Musu; cousin, Delores Pugh; inlaws; a host of friends and the Washington Temple Family. Eastern New York Jurisdictional Family and the National Church Family.

Saints, we don't cry or mourn over this great loss, as those who have no hope, but are ever the more challenged to view God's Glory just as Bishop Washington does now.

Respectfully submitted, "THE FAMILY"

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

"The lives he brightened, the help he gave and the happiness he brought cannot be measured."

Thank you for the prayers, support and the many expressions of love and kindness, shared during the brief illness and homegoing of my husband, Gene "Bow Legs" Miller.

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